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SPECIAL ORTHOPEDIC EXAMINATION

**HISTORY:** This veteran gives a long history of three years of sea duty out of approximately 17 years of navy duty, an officer, and states that somewhat over a year of his service was spent in hospitals in the latter period. It was gathered from what he says that the duty was rather strenuous, his first assignment in 1942, being with a merchant ship which was assigned to transporting troops. Later, he states, he served with escorts in the North Atlantic. On one occasion, in 1942, he fell down a ladder and struck his right hip, but there were no facilities aboard ship and it was necessary for him to go on without any aid. He also gives a history of injuring his right shoulder, just how is not clear, and of developing numerous other things including duodenal ulcer, actinic conjunctivitis, and a highly nervous state. He had applied for retirement from the navy which was eventually turned down. He has had no treatment to various orthopedic conditions since service. He is a writer by profession and states he has some income from previous writing that helps take care of him.

**EXAMINATION:** This is a well nourished and muscled white adult who does not appear chronically ill.

The spine is of normal contour and freely flexible in all directions. Fist percussion brings out no manifestations of pain.

Upper extremities: He has a history of some injury to the right shoulder and will not elevate the arm above the shoulder level. However, on persuasion, it was determined at this time that the shoulder is freely movable and unrestricted. It is noted that he has had a previous diagnosis of BURSITIS WITH CALCIFICATION. X-rays will be repeated. It is not believed that this is of significant incapacity.

In the prone position, Lasague's and Laguerre's signs are negative. Knees, ankles and feet are apparently normal. Records show a diagnosis of MULTIPLE ARTHRITIS. However, no clinical evidence of arthritis is found at this time. X-rays will be repeated.

Diagnosis deferred pending receipt of X-rays.

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